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SUBJ: NORTH KOREAN ENVOY URGES U.S. ATTENTION TO KIM IL-SUNG  
LE MONDE INTERVIEW

1. WHILE HEADS OF BANJUL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS WERE ASSEMBLED  
ON TARMAC SEPT 5 TO GREET PRESIDENT JAWARA ON HIS RETURN FROM  
LAGOS, NORTH KOREAN CHARGE CHAN DO HO, WHO WAS POSITIONED  
ALONGSIDE ACTING US CHARGE, INITIATED EXTENDED MONOLOGUE ON  
AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD KOREA.

2. AFTER CONFIRMING THAT HE WAS ADDRESSING AMERICAN CHARGE,  
DPRK ENVOY REMARKED THAT OUR COUNTRIES WERE NOT FRIENDS DUE  
TO CONTINUED PRESENCE OF US FORCES IN KOREA. PERIOD OF 4-5  
YEARS FOR TROOP WITHDRAWAL WAS TOO LONG AND US NAVAL AND AIR  
FORCE PERSONNEL MUST ALSO LEAVE. PRESENT US POLICY THREATENED  
NUCLEAR WAR. HE SAID KOREANS ACUTELY REMEMBERED DEATHS  
AMERICANS HAD INFLICTED, AND HIS COUNTRYMEN WOULD FIGHT  
DOGGEDLY IF ANOTHER WAR CAME. US AT PRESENT WAS LIKE INTRUDER  
WHO CAME INTO SOMEONE'S HOME BRANDISHING PISTOL, BUT IF US  
FORCES WERE WITHDRAWN, KOREA AND US COULD BE FRIENDS AND US  
WOULD NO LONGER BE CONDEMNED BY WORLD. TWICE, DPRK CHARGE  
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URGED CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF KIM IL-SUNG'S JUNE LE MONDE  
INTERVIEW (WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN LOCAL PRESS IN EARLY  
AUGUST), EXPLAINING THAT IT REPRESENTED COMPREHENSIVE STATE-  
MENT OF DPRK POSITION.

3. AS HE SPOKE, NORTH KOREAN VASCILLATED BETWEEN BELLIGERENCE  
AND AWKWARD ATTEMPTS AT CONSPIRATORIAL FRIENDLINESS. CON-

VERSATION TOOK PLACE WITHIN FULL VIEW OF NEARBY DIPLOMATS  
IN RECEIVING LINE, INCLUDING LIBYAN AMBASSADOR, WHO LISTENED  
ATTENTIVELY.

4. ACTING CHARGE RESPONDED THAT, WHILE US HAD ANNOUNCED  
TROOP WITHDRAWAL PLANS, WE WERE FIRMLY COMMITTED TO MUTUAL  
SECURITY AGREEMENTS WITH GOVERNMENT OF REPUBLIC OF KOREA  
WHICH REPRESENTED OVER 30 MILLION PERSONS, AND SUGGESTED  
THAT PERMANENT SOLUTION SHOULD BE PURSUED THROUGH NEGOTIATION  
BETWEEN THE TWO KOREAS.  
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